

Schear of Ogden. Later, Mrs. Benjamin (Eliza) Hair did photographic work in her home.

Women of the earlier days made their purchases of millinery, gloves, collars and other feminine apparel from Mrs. Mary Jane Coleman McCarrell. She made hats, trimmed them with flowers, velvet, ribbon, lace, and feathers. The women of Midway were really fashion conscious. Matilda Gerber Jacobs also was a fine milliner at that time. Later, Myrtle Abplanalp ran a successful millinery business.

Among the accomplished dressmakers of earlier days were Mary Jane Coleman McCarrell, Matilda Gerber Jacobs, Jane Alder Watkins, Elinor Blood Watkins, Maggie J. Wilson, and Elizabeth Coleman Epperson.

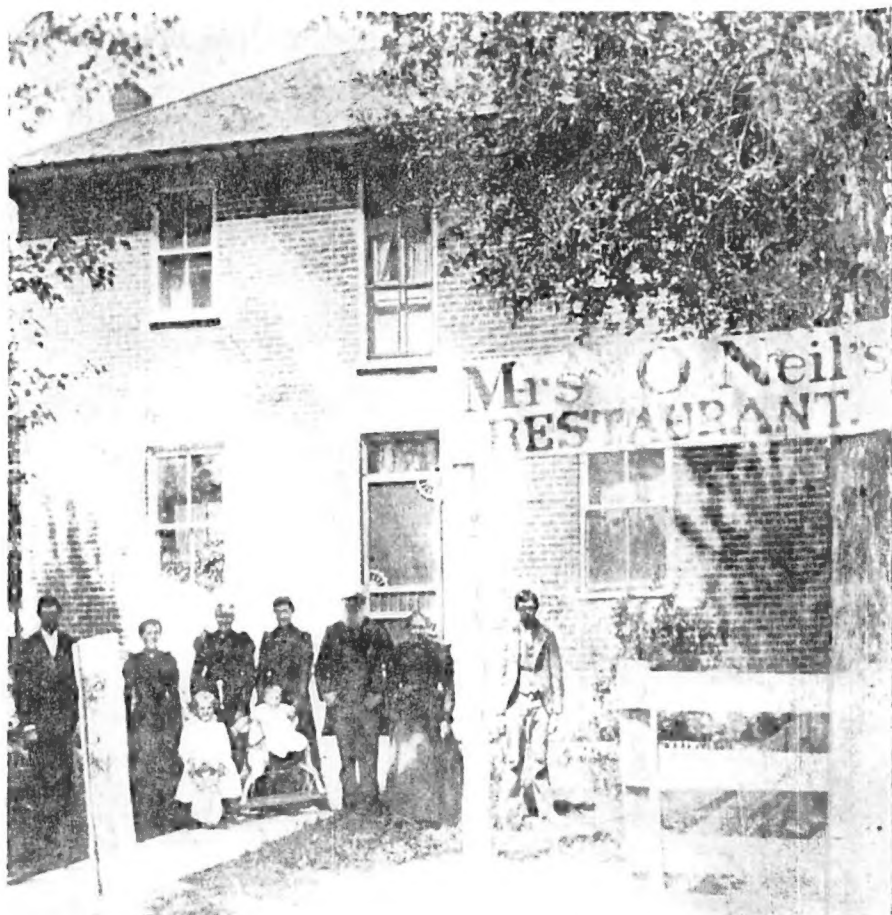
Midway is a small town, but is proud of the following successful business enterprises today: Ivers Mercantile, owned and operated by Leland and Glenna Ivers; Coleman's Store, owned and operated by Guy E. and Pete Coleman; The Alpine, a cafe, service station, and pool hall, owned and operated by the Bronson brothers, Lazelle, Harvey, and Keith Bronson who also run a successful coal business; Bill's Service Station, owned by Guy E. Coleman and operated by Bill Mair; Al's Service Station, owned and operated by Alvin Zufelt; Farm Implements and Appliance, owned and operated by Albert Kohler; Rothe Lumber Company, owned and operated by Kurt Rothe; "The Timp Freeze," a drive-in, owned and operated by George Remund and son; Watch and clock repair shop, owned and operated by Orson Burgi; Plumbing business, by Wilburn Huffaker; Ceramic creations, by LaVon Hair; Machinery and car repair shop, by Theo Daybell; Alma Durtschi, cement finishing; Earl and Ray Kohler, building contractors; bicycle repair shop owned and operated by Raymond North.

## BOARDING HOUSES

Midway boarding houses in the early mining days were a boon to the men who worked away from their homes. The money these transient workers left in the community was also a welcome asset to townspeople.

One of the more popular boarding establishments was run by Mrs. Agnes O'Neil, affectionately called "Aunt Nanny O'Neil." She successfully managed the establishment for many years, and then when her health failed, a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Ritchie, took over the management.

Another well regulated and popular boarding house was operated by Mrs. Letty Bronson. Some boarding houses were also kept at the mine sites. There was one at White Pine Canyon and another at the Snake Creek Tunnel. The Old Steamboat Mine also had a boarding house.



One of the most popular spots in early Midway was Mrs. Agnes O'Neil's Hotel and Restaurant. Shown here in front of the building in this 1897 photograph are, left to right, Samuel O'Neil, Ruth Rockwood O'Neil, Helen Ritchie, baby James Ritchie, Aunt Nannie O'Neil, Agnes Ritchie, Samuel Hair, Rachel Hair and Robert Hair.

Written January 20, 1917, by William Lindsay:

'Tis many a year since first we met  
 To visit Nannie O'Neil  
 To celebrate her natal day  
 And wish weh kind heart "weel"  
 We met a hearty welcome  
 In her cheerful, kindly way  
 And many a happy time we've had  
 With her the livelong day  
 Many of those who used to come  
 Have passed away and gone.